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1 January 2011 - 30 June 2011

	Matters current as at 1 January 2011	Matters referred during period	Reports tabled that discharge a reference	Current inquiries as at 30 June 2011
Joint Select Committee	0	1	1	0

	Number and Hours of Meeting									
	Public	Hrs	Public Estimates	Hrs	Private	Hrs	Insp/Other	Hrs	Total Meetings	Total Hours
Joint Select Committee	4	16:36	0	0:00	6	1:22	0	0:00	10	17:58

	Meetings By State							
	ACT	NSW	VIC	TAS	SA	WA	NT	QLD
Joint Select Committee	8	0	0	0	0	2	0	0

		Witnesses			Hansard Pages					
	Televised Hearings	Estimates	Other (Bills)	General	Estimates	Other (Bills)	General	No of Submissions	No Of Pages	Government Responses
Joint Select Committee	1	0	0	41	0	0	132	22	444	0

Christmas Island Tragedy (Joint Select)

2 March 2011 to 29 June 2011

Appointment

Pursuant to Resolution of the House of Representatives of 2 March 2011 and agreed to by the Senate.

Current members	*Date of appointment*
Senator Gavin Marshall (VIC, ALP) *(elected Chair on 24.03.11)*	03.03.11
Mr Michael Keenan MP (Stirling, WA, LP) *(elected Deputy Chair on 24.03.11)*	22.03.11
Senator Michaelia Cash (WA, LP)	03.03.11
Senator Trish Crossin (NT, ALP)	03.03.11
Senator Steve Fielding (VIC, FFP)	03.03.11
Senator Sarah Hanson-Young (SA, AG)	03.03.11
Mr Nick Champion MP (Wakefield, SA, ALP)	22.03.11
Mr Ed Husic MP (Chifley, NSW, ALP)	22.03.11
Mrs Louise Markus MP (Macquarie, NSW, LP)	22.03.11
Mr Graham Perrett MP (Moreton, QLD, ALP)	22.03.11

Inquiry

As at 2 March 2011

- (1) The Christmas Island tragedy of 15 December 2010 in which an irregular entry vessel foundered on rocks at Rocky Point on Christmas Island, including:

  (a) Operational responses of all Commonwealth agencies involved in the response, relevant agency procedures, and inter-agency coordination;

  (b) Communication mechanisms, including between Commonwealth and State agencies;

  (c) Relevant onshore emergency response capabilities on Christmas Island;

  (d) The after-incident support provided to survivors;

  (e) The after-incident support provided to affected Christmas Island community members, Customs, Defence and other personnel;

  (f) Having regard to (a) to (e), the effectiveness of the relevant administrative and operational procedures and arrangements of Commonwealth agencies in relation to the SIEV 221 incident and its management; and

(g) Being mindful of ongoing national security, disruption and law enforcement efforts and the investigations referred to in paragraph (3) to consider appropriate information from the Australian Federal Police and the Australian Customs and Border Protection Service (including Border Protection Command) to determine, to the extent that it is possible, the likely point of origin of the vessel;

(2) the Committee should have regard to:

(a) the findings and recommendations of Australian Customs and Border Protection Service (including Border Protection Command) internal review of actions relating to SIEV 221; and

(b) the work being undertaken by the Christmas Island Emergency Management Committee;

(3) the Committee should have regard to and be mindful of independent parallel investigations into the incident including the investigation by the State Coroner of WA and investigations by the Australian Federal Police, and conduct its inquiry accordingly.

Current inquiries

As at 29 June 2011

- Nil

New references

2 March 2011–29 June 2011

- Nil

Public hearings

2 March 2011–29 June 2011

- 27 May 2011, Canberra; 6 & 7 June 2011, Christmas Island; 16 June 2011, Canberra

Reports tabled

2 March 2011–29 June 2011

- Joint Select Committee on the Christmas Island Tragedy of 15 December 2010 (presented out of session on 29 June 2011)

Government responses

2 March 2011–29 June 2011

- Nil